



# ObsSea4Clim

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*Closing the research gaps on Essential Ocean Variables (EOVs) in support of global assessments*

- Option A) 'Physics'

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# Welcome



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Project Coordinator



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Faroe Islands



**EuroGOOS**  
European Global Ocean Observing System

EuroGOOS (EUROGOOS)  
Belgium



ETT SPA (ETT)  
Italy



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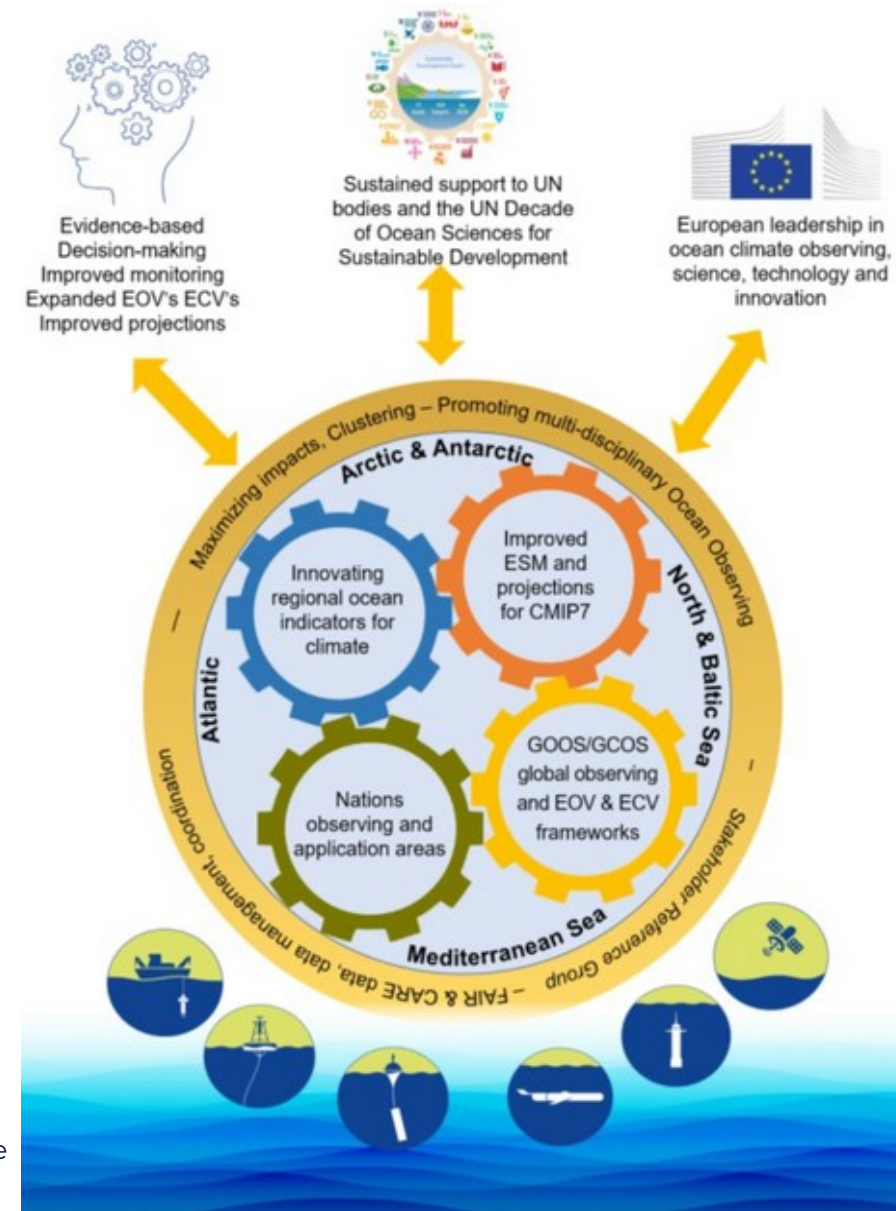
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# Overarching goal

- ...to deliver an improved framework for nations' contributions to European ocean observations of Essential Ocean Variables and Essential Climate Variables
- ...in support of regional and global climate assessments, projections and actionable indicators for sustainable development



# Specific objectives

- To develop ocean indicators, provide improved EOV/ECV's and evolve European ocean observing  
GOOS/GCOS/EuroGOOS/EOOS
- To create an interoperable data ecosystem serving multidisciplinary needs  
Operational services/warnings to climate/ocean health/Green Deal
- To develop best practices and standards for interoperable in-situ and satellite observing  
IOC/Ocean Best Practices/UN Ocean Decade/QA4EO
- To advance the use of EOV and ECV's for improved ESM and reduced uncertainty in projections  
IPCC/AR7/CMIP7
- To place Europe in the forefront of the global coordination of the broader ocean-climate nexus  
CMS/EMODnet/European Digital Twin/UN Ocean Decade



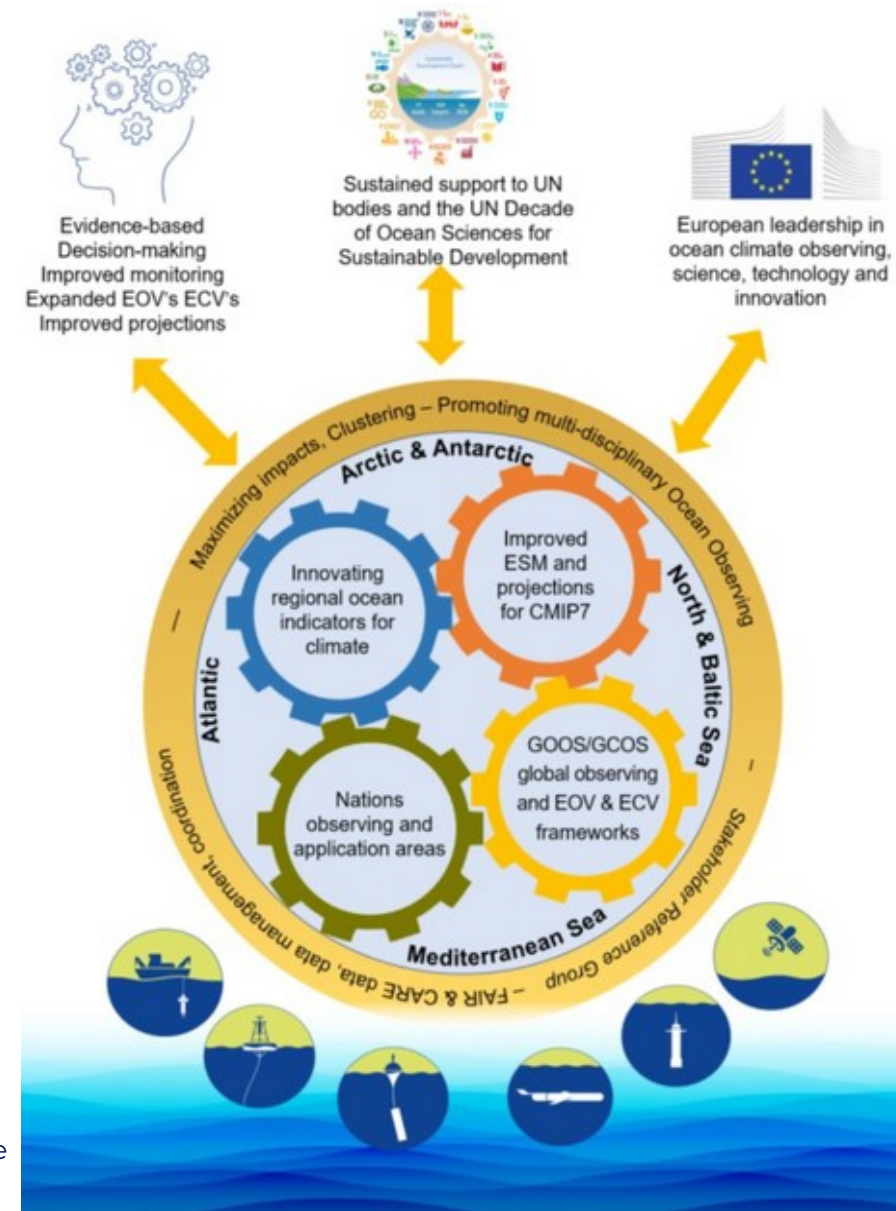
# Building blocks

Nations' ocean observing applicable to selected application areas

EOV and ECV framework, defined

Global Climate Indicator framework /  
Ocean Indicator framework

ESMs and projections, CMIP/IPCC



# Adopting the WMO RRR for ocean climate applications



# EOV's - three categories (GOOS)

- The majority of EOVs are also Essential Climate Variables
- ECVs defined by the Global Climate Observing System GCOS
- Option B) and C)

Physics	Biochemistry	Biology and Ecosystems
Sea state Ocean surface stress Sea ice Sea surface height Sea surface temperature Subsurface temperature Surface currents Subsurface currents Sea surface salinity Subsurface salinity Ocean surface heat flux Ocean bottom pressure	Oxygen Nutrients Inorganic carbon Transient tracers Particulate matter Nitrous oxide Stable carbon isotopes Dissolved organic carbon	Phytoplankton biomass and diversity Zooplankton biomass and diversity Fish abundance and distribution Marine turtles, birds, mammals abundance and distribution Hard coral cover and composition Seagrass cover and composition Macroalgal canopy cover and composition Mangrove cover and composition Microbe biomass and diversity (*emerging) Invertebrate abundance and distribution (*emerging)
<b>Cross-disciplinary (including human impact)</b>		
	Ocean colour Marine debris (*emerging)	Ocean sound





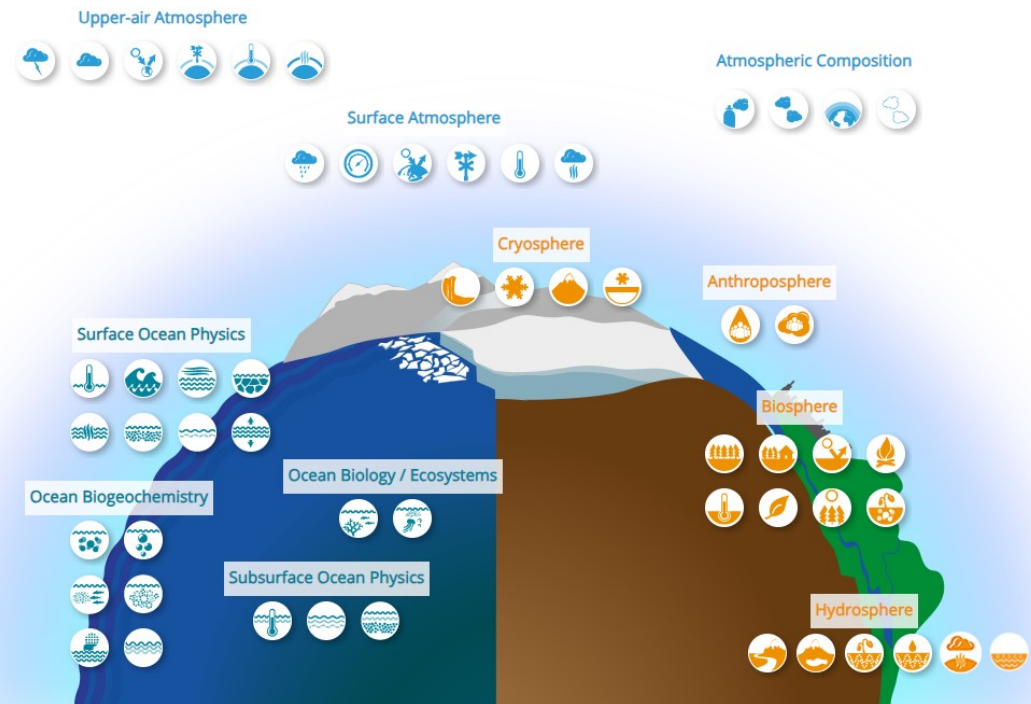
# GCOS ECV's

- Relevance
- Feasibility
- Cost effectiveness
  
- Monitoring principles
- Observation requirements
- ECV inventory (Space)

## Essential Climate Variables

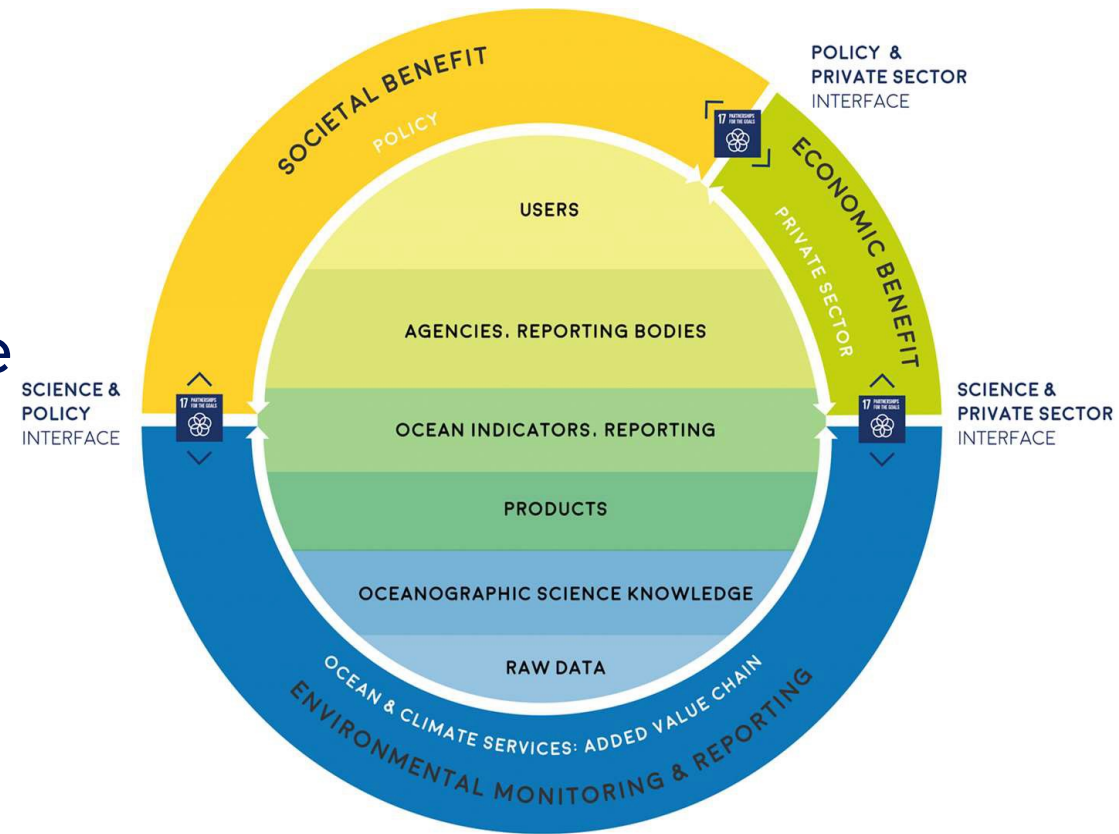
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[What are Essential Climate Variables \(ECVs\)?](#)



# Ocean indicator framework

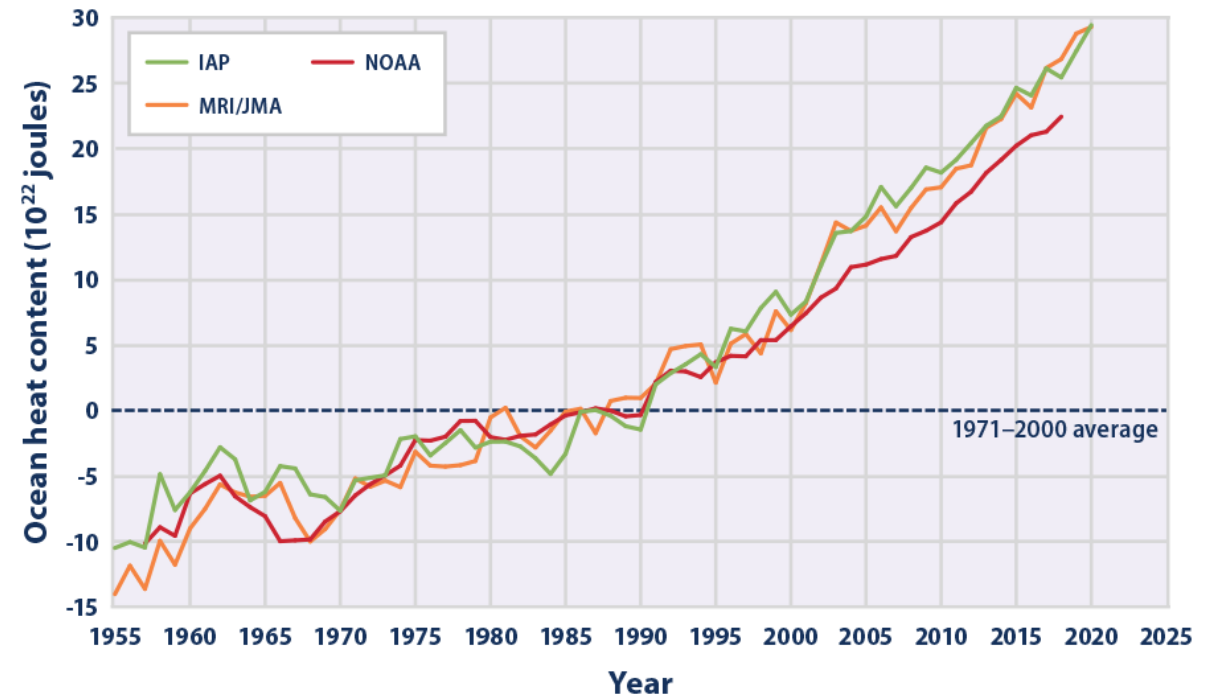
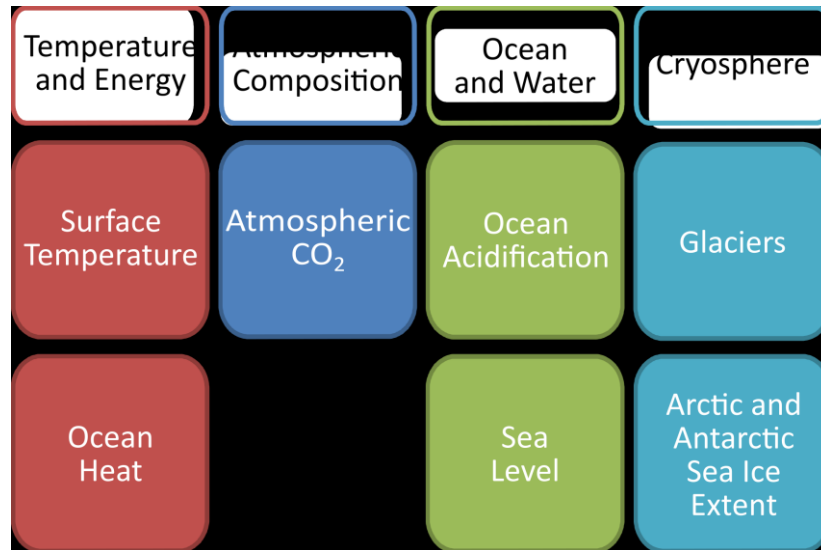
- Provides and integrated view of one or more EOJ/ECV's
- Useful for regular reporting on the state, variability and change of the ocean
- Powerful tool to establish a dialogue at the science policy interface in support of decision making, policy and sustainable development
- Foster multidisciplinary collaboration
- GOOS working group on ocean indicators established



von Schuckmann et al. 2020  
(J. Marine Policy)



# Ocean's in the global climate indicator framework



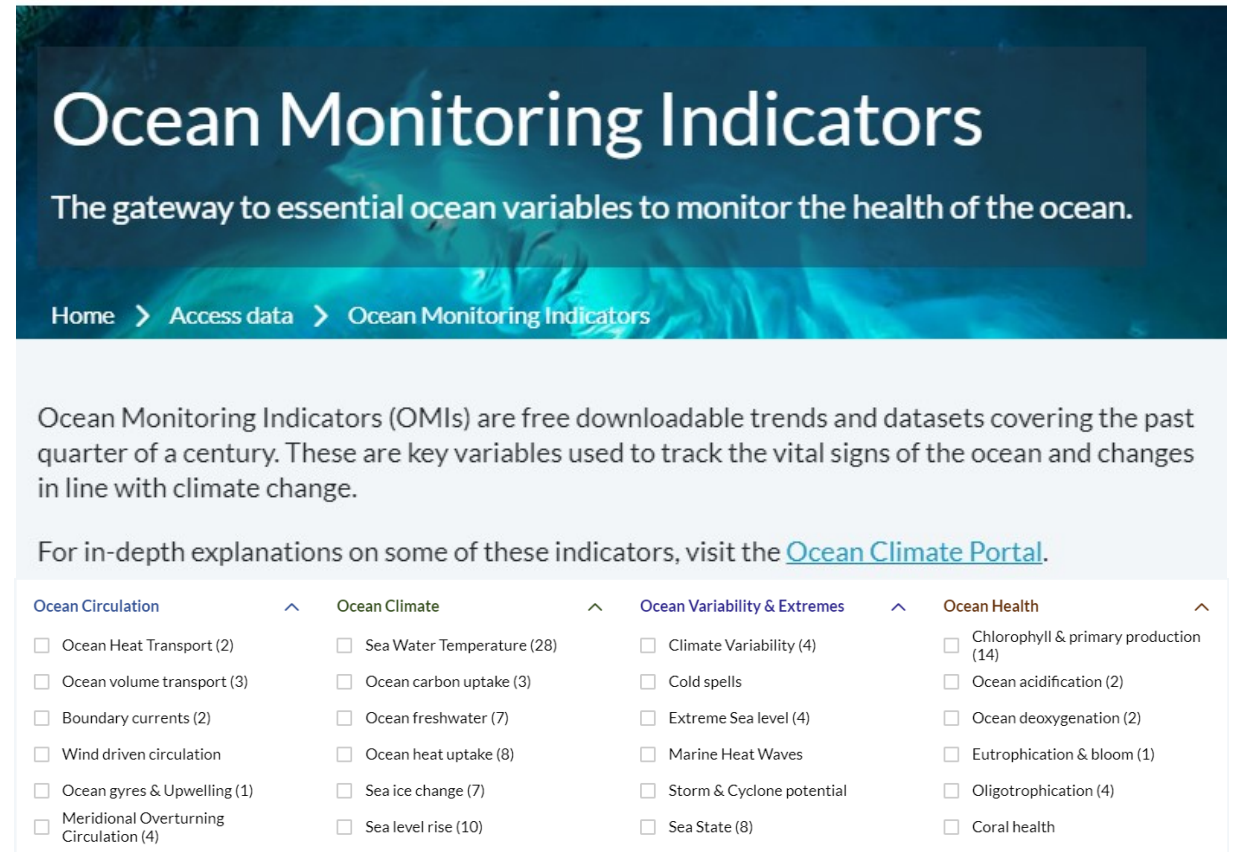
<https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-ocean-heat>



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# Copernicus

- OMI concept
- Includes reanalysis products
- Extends beyond the global indicator framework



**Ocean Monitoring Indicators**  
The gateway to essential ocean variables to monitor the health of the ocean.

Home > Access data > Ocean Monitoring Indicators

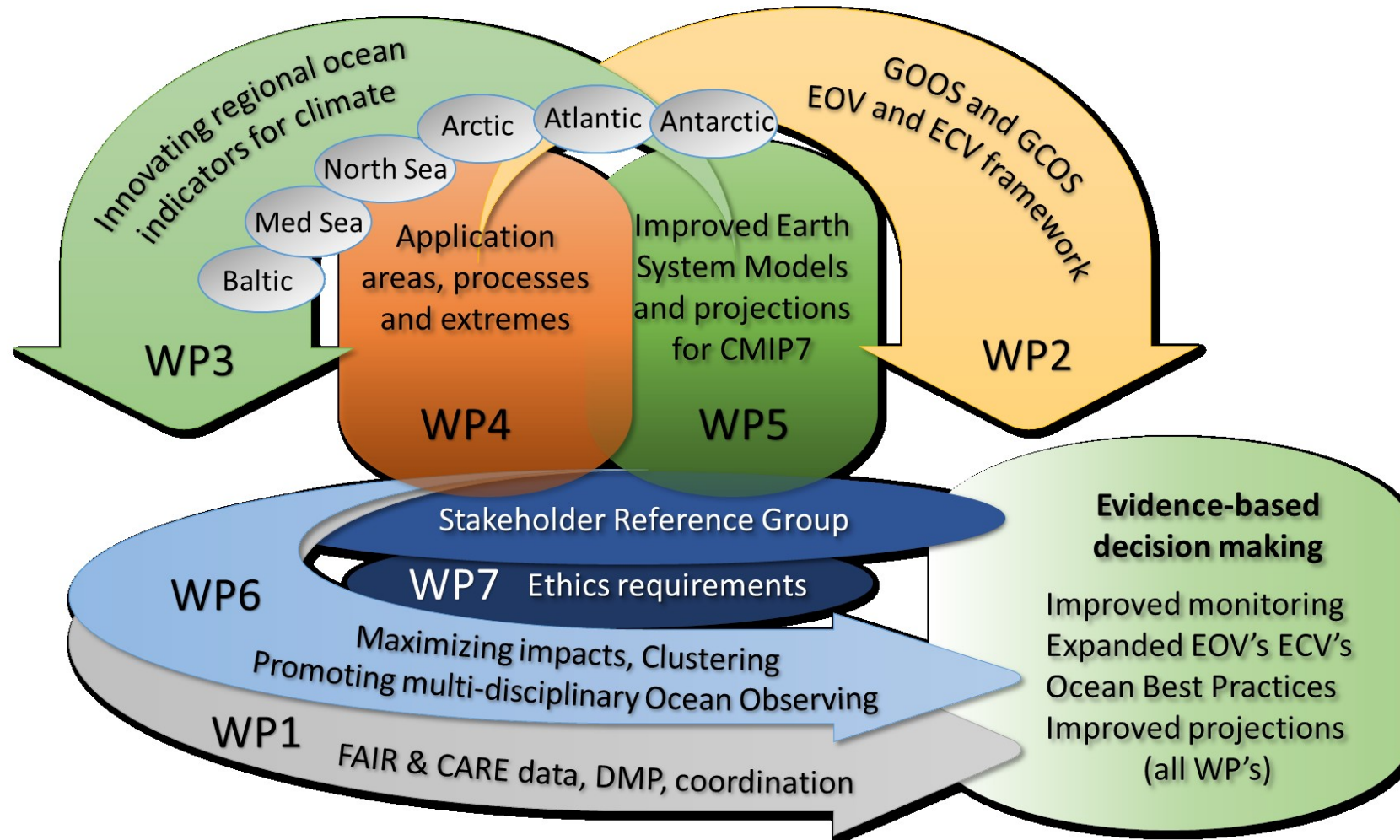
Ocean Monitoring Indicators (OMIs) are free downloadable trends and datasets covering the past quarter of a century. These are key variables used to track the vital signs of the ocean and changes in line with climate change.

For in-depth explanations on some of these indicators, visit the [Ocean Climate Portal](#).

Ocean Circulation	Ocean Climate	Ocean Variability & Extremes	Ocean Health
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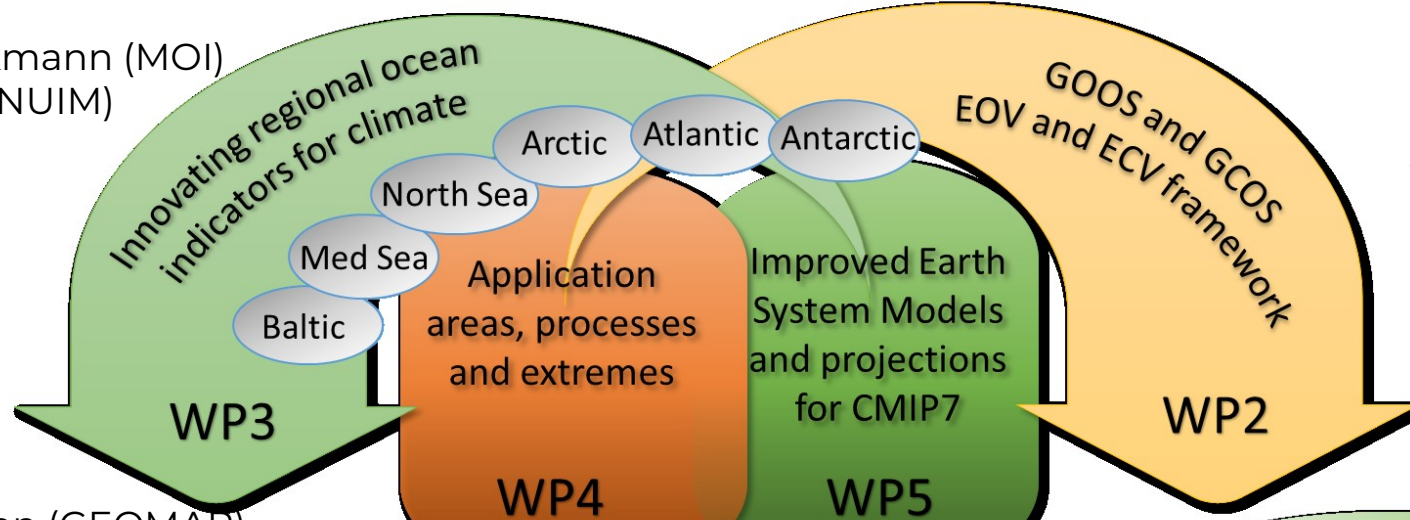
# Work packages and flow



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WP3

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**Evidence-based  
decision making**

Improved monitoring  
Expanded EOJ's ECV's  
Ocean Best Practices  
Improved projections  
(all WP's)



# Kick off meeting

- Strengthen work relations and a team spirit
- A common understanding of the project scope
- Identify key interactions between work packages
- Initial dialogues with other initiatives and key organizations





# Partners

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17. UTOU (FR)
18. NCPOR (IN) Associated partner
19. NERCI (IN) Associated partner





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